the Delhi Rent Control (Amendment) Bill, 1997 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28.7.1997. The same was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban and Rural Development for examination and report. The Committee has since submitted its report and its recommendations have also been accepted by the Government. After the Amendment Bill is passed in both the Houses of Parliament and assented to by the President, the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1995 alongwith the amendments can be brought into force.

Uniform pattern of Stamp Duty

1378. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no uniform pattern regarding the collection of stamp duty in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the stamp duty collected by various States;

(c) whether the Centre has advised the States not to collect the stamp duty more than 5 per cent;

(d) if so, their response thereto; and

(e) the steps being taken to see that the stamp duty does not exceed 5 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such detail is maintained by the Central Government since it is a State subject.

(c) to (e) Government of India has decided on 28.6.2003 to implement the scheme of Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF) with an outlay of Rs. 500 crore per annum as Additional Control Assistance (ACA) during the Tenth Five Year Plan to States/UT Governments to incentivise carrying out various urban reforms including rationalization of stamp duty with a view to bring it down to not more than 5 per cent by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan period.

So, far, State Governments of Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tripura, Orissa and Union Territories of A&N Islands and Chandigarh have agreed to rationalize stamp duty in phases to bring it down to not more than 5 per cent by the end of the Tenth Plan period. Union Territory of Lakshadweep has informed that the rate of stamp duty is one per cent of the value of the immovable property.

Progress of Barakhamba Road - Dwarka Metro Rail

1379. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress attained so far in construction of line No.3, Barakhamba Road-Connaught Place-Dwarka Sectors of the Delhi Metro Service;

(b) whether the work in this segment is conforming to the targets;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the construction work;

(d) by when service in this sector is expected to be operational; and

(e) whether the Barakhamba-Dwarka line is being extended by 6.5 kilometre and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Five per cent progress in physical terms has been attained upto 30.11.2003 which is in conformity with the target.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) September, 2005.

(e) The proposed extension of the Barakhamba Road-Dwarka line, by 6.5 km. approx. into Dwarka subcity, is not a part of the approved Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) Project, Phase-I.